

REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 1-21 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 22-29 are newly added. Support for the new claims is found in the instant specification at, for example, page 5, lines 6-16, page 21, lines 29-31; page 22, line 25; page 23 line 29-31. No new matter is added.

Consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required election of one of the following claim groups:

- Group I: Claims 1-6;
- Group II: Claims 7-11;
- Group III: Claims 12-14;
- Group IV: Claims 15-21.

As noted above, claims 22-29 have been cancelled and replaced by new claims directed to compositions containing: a) cultured microglial cells; b) A β peptide; and c) a prostaglandin.

As agreed by Exr. Chernychev in a telephonic discussion with J. Keddie by on December 14, 2005, the new claims, because they should fall into a single claim group, would be examined together.

The Applicants understand that entry and examination of the new claims is at the Examiner's discretion. The Examiner's courtesy in entering the new claims is acknowledged and appreciated in advance.

If the new claims cannot be entered, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' representative, James S. Keddie at 650-833-7723 for a telephonic discussion.

The Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional

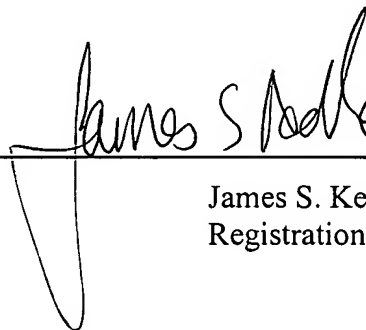
application directed to the non-elected subject matter or any subject matter disclosed in this application during the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number SCIO-003DIV.

Respectfully submitted,
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Date: March 6, 2006

By: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James S. Keddie", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, there is a large, stylized, looped mark that resembles a checkmark or a large letter 'V'.

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